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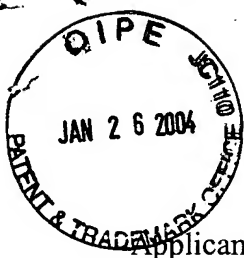
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Filing Date: July 30, 2003)
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Title: SYSTEM FOR PREVENTING ACCIDENTAL) John Richardson
OR UNAUTHORIZED FIRING OF A FIREARM)
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Attorney File No.: 59316-001)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

To: Assistant Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Applicant requests entry of the following preliminary amendment in the above-referenced patent application:

In the specification:

On page 1, please replace the paragraph at the top of page 1 beginning, "The present application claims . . ." with the following amended paragraph:

The present application claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/400,731, filed August 2, 2002, and to U.S. Provisional Application [[No. _____, filed _____]] No. 60/446,240, filed February 7, 2003. Said Provisional Applications are incorporated herein by reference.